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SUBJ: RECOMMENDATION FOR CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO AKUFFO

1. LT. GEN AKUFFO WAS SWORN IN AS HEAD OF STATE
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL ON JULY
6 BY CHIEF JUSTICE APALOO. TODAY'S PRESS PRINTS
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV
AND I AM INFORMED BY MY CANADIAN COLLEAGUE THAT HE
HAS RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
FOR DELIVERY TO AKUFFO. WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAS
RETURNED TO BONN ON LEAVE AND IS SUGGESTING A
MESSAGE FROM HIS PRESIDENT.

2. BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO WHITE HOUSE MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GEN AKUFFO. IF ONE IS SENT, THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE NEW HEAD OF STATE ON HIS PROMPT RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES AND ON HIS SUBSEQUENT OFFER OF AMNESTY TO POLITICAL EXILES.

AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY RAISED ISSUE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOG; TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF NEW REGIME'S RAPID ACTION IN MOVING ON THIS FRONT WOULD SEEM TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST APPROPRIATE.

3. TO MAKE MOST IMPACT, MESSAGE SHOULD ARRIVE ASAP. HOLMES

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